

Best Books of 2015

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⊕ Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Staff Picks * Available in eBook

Fiction

Abercrombie, Joe	Half the World
Acampora, Lauren	The Wonder Garden
Acevedo, Chantel	The Distant Marvels
Ackerman, Elliot	Green on Blue
Alcott, Kate	A Touch of Stardust
Alcott, Kathleen	Infinite Home
Allen, Sarah Addison	First Frost *
Allende, Isabel	The Japanese Lover *
Alvar, Mia	In the Country
Andrew, Sally	Recipes for Love and Murder
Anolik, Lili	Dark Rooms
Atkinson, Kate	A God in Ruins
Attenberg, Jami	Saint Mazie
Atwood Margaret	Stone Mattress ⊕ *
Atwood, Margaret	The Heart Goes Last
Bacigalupi, Paolo	The Water Knife ⊕ *
Backman, Fredrik	My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry ⊕
Baggott, Julianna	Harriet Wolf's Seventh Book of Wonders
Ball, Jesse	A Cure for Suicide
Barker, Susan	The Incarnations
Barrows, Annie	The Truth According to Us *
Barry, Kevin	Beatlebone
Baxter, Charles	There's Something I Want You to Do
Beattie, Ann	The State We're In
Belfoure, Charles	House of Thieves
Bender, Karen E.	Refund
Berg, Elizabeth	The Dream Lover
Berlin, Lucia	A Manual for Cleaning Women
Blume, Judy	In the Unlikely Event *
Bohjalian Chris	Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands ⊕ *
Bolton, Sharon	Little Black Lies
Boyle, T.C.	The Harder They Come
Bradley, Alan	As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust
Brandt, Harry	The Whites
Brizzi, Fausto	100 Days of Happiness ⊕
Brookes, Adam	Spy Games
Brooks, Geraldine	The Secret Chord *

Brown, Amy Belding	Flight of the Sparrow + *
Caldwell, Ian	The Fifth Gospel *
Campbell, Bonnie Jo	Mothers, Tell Your Daughters *
Carey, M.R.	Girl with all the Gifts +
Carriger, Gail	Prudence
Child, Lee	Make Me *
Clark, Clare	We That Are Left
Clegg, Bill	Did You Ever Have A Family + *
Clifford, Stephanie	Everybody Rise
Cocks, Heather	The Royal We
Cohen, Joshua	Book of Numbers
Connolly, John	A Song of Shadows *
Crawford, Susan	The Pocket Wife *
Crucet, Jennine Capó	Make Your Home Among Strangers
Cunningham, Michael	A Wild Swan
Cusk, Rachel	Outline
Dave, Laura	Eight Hundred Grapes
de Bernieres, Louis	The Dust That Falls from Dreams
de los Santos, Marisa	The Precious One
DeCarlo, Melissa	The Art of Crash Landing
deWitt, Patrick	Undermajordomo Minor
Dodd, Christina	Obsession Falls
Doerr, Anthony	All the Light We Cannot See + *
Doig, Ivan	Last Bus to Wisdom
Duffy, Brendan	House of Echoes
Egan, Elisabeth	A Window Opens
Enright, Anne	The Green Road +
Eskens, Allen	The Life We Bury + *
Essbaum, Jill Alexander	Hausfrau
Evans, Lissa	Crooked Heart
Evison, Jonathan	This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!
Ferrante, Elena	The Story of the Lost Child
Fink, Joseph	Welcome to Night Vale
Flanders, Judith	A Murder of Magpies
Flournoy, Angela	The Turner House +
Fox, Lauren	Days of Awe
Franklin, Ariana	The Siege Winter
Franzen, Jonathan	Purity *
Freeman, Kimberley	Evergreen Falls *
Gaitskill, Mary	The Mare
Genova, Lisa	Inside the O'Briens + *
George, Nina	The Little Paris Bookshop + *
Goolrick, Robert	The Fall of Princes
Gottlieb, Eli	Best Boy

Griffiths, Elly	The Ghost Fields
Grisham, John	Rogue Lawyer *
Groff, Lauren	Fates and Furies *
Gruen, Sara	At the Water's Edge *
Hall, Louisa	Speak *
Hallberg, Garth Risk	City on Fire *
Hannah, Kristin	The Nightingale + *
Hannaham, James	Delicious Foods *
Harrison, Mette Ivie	The Bishop's Wife
Haruf, Kent	Our Souls at Night *
Hawkins, Paula	The Girl on the Train + *
Heaberlin, Julia	Black-Eyed Susans
Heiny, Katherine	Single, Carefree, Mellow
Hepworth, Sally	The Things We Keep
Higgins, Kristan	If You Only Knew *
Hijuelos, Oscar	Twain & Stanley Enter Paradise
Hilderbrand, Elin	The Rumor *
Hoffman, Alice	The Marriage of Opposites *
Hopkins, Ellen	Love Lies Beneath
Hornby, Nick	Funny Girl *
Iles, Greg	The Bone Tree *
Ishiguro, Kazuo	The Buried Giant *
Johansen, Erika	The Invasion of the Tearling
Johnson, Adam	Fortune Smiles
Johnson, T. Geronimo	Welcome to Braggsville
Joyce, Rachel	Perfect +
Joyce, Rachel	The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy + *
July, Miranda	The First Bad Man
Kanon, Joseph	Leaving Berlin
Kearsley, Susanna	A Desperate Fortune *
Kibler, Julie	Calling Me Home +
Kidd, Sue Monk	An Invention of Wings + *
Kiefer, Christian	The Animals
King, Stephen	Finders Keepers *
Knausgaard, Karl Ove	My Struggle: Book Four +
Kracht, Christian	Imperium
Krentz, Jayne Ann	Secret Sisters *
Kwan, Kevin	China Rich Girlfriend + *
Lagercrantz, David	The Girl in the Spider's Web *
Lansdale, Joe R.	Paradise Sky
Lansens, Lori	The Mountain Story
Larsen, Reif	I Am Radar
Lee, Patrick	Signal
Lent, Jeffrey	A Slant of Light

Liftin, Hilary	Movie Star by Lizzie Pepper
Lock, Norman	American Meteor
Locke, Attica	Pleasantville
Macallister, Greer	The Magician's Lie
Mallery, Susan	Kiss Me *
Mallon, Thomas	Finale
Mason, Susan Anne	Irish Meadows
McCarthy, Tom	Satin Island
McCloud, Scott	The Sculptor
McCrea, Gavin	Mrs. Engels
McCreight, Kimberly	Where They Found Her
McHugh, Laura	Weight of Blood +
McLain, Paula	Circling the Sun + *
McManus, Sophie	The Unfortunates
Meissner, Susan	A Fall of Marigolds + *
Meno, Joe	Marvel and a Wonder
Mitchell, David	Slade House *
Mitchell, Judith Claire	A Reunion of Ghosts
Morrison, Toni	God Help the Child *
Moyes, Jojo	After You *
Murray, Paul	The Mark and the Void
Nesbo Jo	Blood on Snow + *
Nichols, Peter	The Rocks + *
Novic, Sara	Girl at War +
O'Hagan, Andrew	The Illuminations
O'Nan, Stewart	West of Sunset
Oates, Joyce Carol	Jack of Spades + *
Ohanesian, Aline	Orhan's Inheritance
Ostlund, Lori	After the Parade
Packer, Ann	The Children's Crusade *
Palaia, Marian	The Given World
Pamuk, Orhan	A Strangeness in My Mind
Panowich, Brian	Bull Mountain + *
Park, Patricia	Re Jane
Parmar, Priya	Vanessa and Her Sister
Penny, Louise	The Nature of the Beast *
Petterson, Per	I Refuse
Phillips, Caryl	The Lost Child *
Phillips, Helen	The Beautiful Bureaucrat
Preston, Douglas	Crimson Shore *
Putney, Mary Jo	Not Always a Saint *
Rash, Ron	Above the Waterfall +
Reardon, Bryan	Finding Jake *
Reid, Taylor Jenkins	Maybe in Another Life

Renehan, John	The Valley
Rich, A.J.	The Hand That Feeds You
Rose, M. J.	The Witch of Painted Sorrows
Ross, Helen Klein	What Was Mine
Rothschild, Hannah	The Improbability of Love
Rushdie, Salman	Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights *
Russell, Mary Doria	Epitaph
Ryan, Hank Phillippi	What You See
Scherm, Rebecca	Unbecoming
Schofield, Douglas	Time of Departure
Schultz, Emily	The Blondes
Shapiro, B. A.	The Muralist *
Shepard, Jim	The Book of Aron
Silva, Daniel	The English Spy *
Simsion, Graeme	The Rosie Effect + *
Slaughter, Karin	Pretty Girls *
Smiley, Jane	Early Warning
Smiley, Jane	Golden Age *
St. James, Rebecca	One Last Thing *
Stedman, M. L.	The Light Between Oceans + *
Steinhauer, Olen	All the Old Knives
Stevens, Chevy	Those Girls *
Stewart, Amy	Girl Waits with Gun
Stibbe, Nina	Man at the Helm
Stradal, J. Ryan	Kitchens of the Great Midwest
Sullivan, Faith	Good Night, Mr. Wodehouse
Swanson, Peter	The Kind Worth Killing +
Swyler, Erika	The Book of Speculation
Sykes, Lucy	The Knockoff
Thirlwell, Adam	Lurid & Cute
Treuer, David	Prudence
Truss, Lynne	Cat Out of Hell
Tyler, Anne	A Spool of Blue Thread *
van Praag, Menna	The Dress Shop of Dreams
Vann, David	Aquarium
Vargas Llosa, Mario	The Discreet Hero
Walsh, M.O.	My Sunshine Away
Ward, J.R.	The Bourbon Kings *
Ware, Ruth	In a Dark, Dark Wood *
Waters, Sarah	Paying Guests + *
Weiner, Jennifer	Who Do You Love *
Whitson, Stephanie Grace	Daughter of the Regiment
Williams, Beatriz	Along the Infinite Sea
Winslow, Don	The Cartel

Wright, Ronald	The Gold Eaters
Yanagihara, Hanya	A Little Life
Young, Hester	The Gates of Evangeline

Mystery

Andrews, Donna	Lord of the Wings *
Coben, Harlan	The Stranger *
Doiron, Paul	The Precipice
Fossum, Karin	The Drowned Boy
George, Elizabeth	A Banquet of Consequences *
Grafton, Sue	X
Heywood Joseph	Red Jacket +
King, Laurie R.	Dreaming Spies *
Lehane, Dennis	World Gone By *
Levy, Lawrence H.	Second Street Station
Lippman Laura	Hush Hush + *
McKinlay, Jenn	A Likely Story
Nickson, Chris	Two Bronze Pennies
Paretsky, Sara	Brush Back *
Reichs, Kathy	Speaking in Bones *
Rendell, Ruth	Dark Corners
Scottoline, Lisa	Every Fifteen Minutes + *

Paperback

Balogh, Mary	Only a Kiss *
Burrowes, Grace	Tremaine's True Love *
Burrowes Grace	A Single Kiss/The First Kiss/ Kiss Me Hello *
Byrne, Kerrigan	The Highwayman
Chase, Loretta	Dukes Prefer Blondes
Higgins, Kristan	Anything for You
Long, Julie Anne	The Legend of Lyon Redmond
Novak, Brenda	This Heart of Mine
Quinn, Julia	The Secrets of Sir Richard Kenworthy
Shalvis, Jill	Second Chance Summer *
Shalvis, Jill	Still the One
Walker, Julie Ann	Full Throttle

Science Fiction

Bear, Elizabeth	Karen Memory
Brown, Pierce	Golden Son
Robinson, Kim Stanley	Aurora
Saintcrow, Lilith	Trailer Park Fae

Stephenson, Neal	Seveneves +
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Large Print

Dare, Tessa	When a Scot Ties the Knot
Kleypas, Lisa	Cold-Hearted Rake *

Nonfiction

152.44	Ronson, Jon	So You've Been Publicly Shamed
158	Brown, Brene	Rising Strong *
299.94	Mar, Alex	Witches of America
302.231	Bartlett, Jamie	The Dark Net
303.483	Turkle, Sherry	Reclaiming Conversation
303.484	Burrough, Bryan	Days of Rage
305.42	Slaughter, Anne-Marie	Unfinished Business
305.4209	Pollack, Eileen	The Only Woman in the Room
305.513	Putnam, Robert D.	Our Kids
305.8	Coates, Ta-Nehisi	Between the World and Me + *
305.896	Jefferson, Margo	Negroland
306.766	Faderman, Lillian	The Gay Revolution
328.33	Swaim, Barton	The Speechwriter
330.019	Thaler, Richard H.	Misbehaving
338.04	Diamandis, Peter H.	Bold
338.476	Beckert, Sven	Empire of Cotton
339.46	Edin, Kathryn J.	\$2.00 a Day
342.73	Ellis, Joseph J.	The Quartet
345.744	Schiff, Stacy	The Witches
347.732	Hirshman, Linda	Sisters in Law
355.009	Vowell, Sarah	Lafayette in the Somewhat United States *
355.07	Jacobsen, Annie	The Pentagon's Brain
362.109	Brill, Steven	America's Bitter Pill
362.292	Hepola, Sarah	Blackout
362.883	Krakauer, Jon	Missoula + *
363.325	Gessen, Masha	The Brothers
363.325	Shane, Scott	Objective Troy
364.131	Hosken, Andrew	Empire of Fear
364.152	Leovy, Jill	Ghettoside
364.168	Goodman, Marc	Future Crimes
371.207	Russakoff, Dale	The Prize
428.2	Norris, Mary	Between You & Me
523.1	Randall, Lisa	Dark Matter and the Dinosaurs
591.56	Safina, Carl	Beyond Words
594.56	Montgomery, Sy	The Soul of an Octopus

616.85	Silberman, Steve	NeuroTribes
616.994	DeVita Jr. Vincent T., M.D.	The Death of Cancer
617.5	Laskas, Jeanne Marie	Concussion
620.112	Waldman, Jonathan	Rust
629.13	McCullough, David	The Wright Brothers + *
629.132	Vanhoenacker, Mark	Skyfaring
629.409	Dean, Margaret Lazarus	Leaving Orbit
636.1	Williams, Wendy	The Horse
641.552	Brown, Leanne	Good and Cheap
721.044	Smith, Nathan	Color Concrete Garden Projects
738.209	de Waal, Edmund	The White Road
746.14	Schepper, Anna	The Art of Paper Weaving
746.46	Gilleland, Diane	All Points Patchwork
792.76	Nesteroff, Kliph	The Comedians
809.935	Karr, Mary	The Art of Memoir
811.54	Alexander, Elizabeth	The Light of the World
818.602	Ansari, Aziz	Modern Romance + *
818.602	Kaling, Mindy	Why Not Me? *
909	Harari, Yuval Noah	Sapiens
909.821	Blom, Philipp	Fracture
910.916	Kurson, Robert	Pirate Hunters
937	Beard, Mary	SPQR *
940.451	Larson, Erik	Dead Wake *
940.452	Beevor, Antony	Ardennes 1944
940.531	Bikont, Anna	The Crime and the Silence
940.531	Helm, Sarah	Ravensbruck
940.531	Russell, Jan Jarboe	The Train to Crystal City
940.531	Wachsmann, Nikolaus	KL
940.534	Kershaw, Alex	Avenue of Spies
940.537	Winik, Jay	1944
940.54	Stargardt, Nicholas	The German War
940.542	Southard, Susan	Nagasaki
940.548	Kempowski, Walter	Swansong 1945
944	Sante, Luc	The Other Paris
946.04	Goodwin, Robert	Spain
956.054	Stern, Jessica	ISIS
956.94	Ephron, Dan	Killing a King
958.104	Smith, Graeme	The Dogs are Eating Them Now
973.3	Ferling, John	Whirlwind
973.738	Wheelan, Joseph	Their Last Full Measure
973.91	Fraser, Steve	The Age of Acquiescence
973.913	Burns, Eric	1920
973.924	Woodward, Bob	The Last of the President's Men
974.7	Calhoun, Ada	St. Marks Is Dead

974.7	Stanton, Brandon	Humans of New York: Stories *
976.335	Rivlin, Gary	Katrina
977.434	Maraniss, David	Once in a Great City *
978	Buck, Rinker	The Oregon Trail
978.9	Nabokov, Peter	How the World Moves
996.9	Moore, Susanna	Paradise of the Pacific

Biography Addario	Addario, Lynsey	It's What I Do
Biography Allilyeva	Sullivan, Rosemary	Stalin's Daughter
Biography Bolick	Bolick, Kate	Spinster
Biography Brownstein	Brownstein, Carrie	Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl +
Biography Connors	Connors, Philip	All the Wrong Places
Biography Costello	Costello, Elvis	Unfaithful Music & Disappearing Ink
Biography Bush	Meacham, Jon	Destiny and Power
Biography Cobb	Leerhsen, Charles	Ty Cobb
Biography Didion	Daugherty, Tracy	The Last Love Song
Biography Dulles	Talbot, David	The Devil's Chessboard
Biography Elizabeth II	Williams, Kate	Young Elizabeth
Biography Finnegan	Finnegan, William	Barbarian Days
Biography Fogerty	Fogerty, John	Fortunate Son
Biography Fuller	Fuller, Alexandra	Leaving Before the Rains Come
Biography Gabis	Gabis, Rita	A Guest at the Shooters' Banquet
Biography Hodgman	Hodgman, George	Bettyville
Biography Holiday	Szwed, John	Billie Holiday
Biography Hynde	Hynde, Chrissie	Reckless *
Biography Kennedy	Larson, Kate Clifford	Rosemary
Biography Kozel	Kozel, Jonathan	The Theft of Memory
Biography Lawson	Lawson, Jenny	Furiously Happy *

Biography Macdonald	Macdonald, Helen	H Is for Hawk *
Biography Maines	Nutt, Amy Ellis	Becoming Nicole
Biography Marsh	Marsh, Henry	Do No Harm
Biography Marshall	Marshall, Dan	Home Is Burning
Biography Marshall	Haygood, Wil	Showdown
Biography Martin	Martin, Wednesday	Primates of Park Avenue
Biography McCrory	Norris, John	Mary McGrory
Biography Mitchell	Mitchell, Andie	It Was Me All Along
Biography Moran	Moran, Rachel	Paid For
Biography Moser	Moser, Barry	We Were Brothers
Biography Nixon	Thomas, Evan	Being Nixon
Biography Nyad	Nyad, Diana	Find a Way
Biography Parker	Parker, Mary -Louise	Dear Mr. You
Biography Reagan	Brands, H.W.	Reagan
Biography Sacks	Sacks, Oliver	On the Move
Biography Simon	Simon, Carly	Boys in the Trees *
Biography Simon	Simon, Marie Jalowicz	Underground in Berlin
Biography Sinatra	Kaplan, James	Sinatra
Biography Slahi	Siems, Larry	Guantánamo Diary
Biography Smith	Smith, Patti	M Train *
Biography Smith	Smith, Tracy K.	Ordinary Light
Biography Steinem	Steinem, Gloria	My Life on the Road *
Biography Stiles	Stiles, T.J.	Custer's Trials
Biography Tolkachev	Hoffman, David E.	The Billion Dollar Spy
Biography Vidal	Parini, Jay	Empire of Self

Audiobook

Cho, Zen	Sorcerer to the Crown	
Gaynor, Hazel	A Memory of Violets + *	
Moshfegh, Ottessa	Eileen	
302.1	Kaufman, Sarah L.	The Art of Grace
327.209	Grandin, Greg	Kissinger's Shadow
364.132	Chayes, Sarah	Thieves of State
909.098	Winchester, Simon	Pacific

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